

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 22, 2009 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1, 5-12 and 16-25 are pending. Reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim 23 stands objected to for informalities. In response, claim 23 as been amended as recommended by the Examiner to recite “a video recorder”. Accordingly, applicants request removal of this objection.

Claims 1, 5-12 and 16-25 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohno (U.S.P. No. 7,142,777) in view of Gorbatov et al. (U.S.P. No. 6,792,617).

“Claim 1 recites the limitations of “a means for receiving a data stream, a start data packet, and an end data packet associated with the *entire* selected program; Applicant respectfully submit that Ohno and Gorbatov, alone or in combination fail to show these limitations.

Ohno teaches an apparatus for receiving a data train multiplexing a plurality of programs each constituted of a plurality of transmission packets and recording the received data train in a storage medium. See Abstract. Further, Ohno shows how *each*

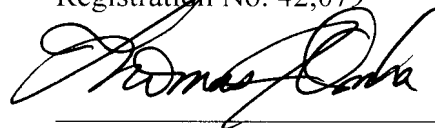
packet data is processed/demultiplexed and decoded; see col. 4, lines 51-67. Applicants can find nothing that teaches receiving a data stream with one start data packet and one end data packet associated with the *entire* selected program, as claimed in claim 1. Independent claim 12, 17 and 23 recite similar limitations. The addition of Gorbatov fails to cure the limitations of Ohno.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

The applicants submit that the claims, as they now stand, fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 103. In view of the amendments and foregoing remarks, favorable reconsideration, and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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